

Book Club Questions for *The Pleasure of Her Company*

1. Did you feel the canon characters remained true to Austen? (Mrs Dashwood, Elinor, Marianne, Mrs Jennings, Colonel Brandon, Sir John & Lady Middleton)
2. Did Francine Dashwood's character develop in ways that logically followed canon? What surprised you about her development? Did you feel anything was out of character?
3. What did you like about how the sister relationship of the older generation (Francine & Emmeline) developed? How does it contrast with the sister relationships between Elinor, Marianne, and Margaret?
4. Which new character was your favorite and why?
5. Was there a new character that you felt did not add to the storyline? Explain.
6. Did you know anything about hawking before reading this story?
7. Are you a horse person? Which horse scene was your favorite and why? What did you enjoy about the horse scenes?
8. Were the settings in Devonshire, Honiton, and places along the way realistic to you? What did you learn about those areas? Have you visited them?
9. How did the letters add to your enjoyment of the story, or not?
10. What was your favorite scene in the book?
11. Did you find the ending satisfying? Why or why not? (Do know that Margaret's story is coming next!)
12. Which themes or ideas from the story were most relatable to modern life?
13. If you were the casting director of a film of this book, who would you cast as the new main characters? Which film version of original characters did you "see" as you read the book?
14. Would you recommend this book to a friend? What would you say about it?